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Dear Parents,

Many thanks to everyone who has followed the one-way system, entering and leaving school. I am aware that it is annoying however it really does alleviate pressure at the gate in the mornings and afternoons. Please do continue to do this as the term goes on! It has been lovely to see the response to clubs for this term and I hope that sending the message out in the evening for these helped those working parents who gave us feedback easier access to the sessions. There are still spaces available on multisports for years 1,2 and 3 and football for years 3,4,5 and 6.

PTFA

The PTFA are always working hard for our children and their next planned event will be a Colour Run on 30th September (weather permitting). More details will follow shortly. They are holding their AGM on 24th September at 7pm at The George and are looking forward to welcoming new members. Please note that the date for the disco in October has changed since last week's newsletter and is now on the 15th.

Care to Share

Care to Share is our new second hand uniform rail. You will find it outside in the playground by the PTFA notice board. This rail allows families in our school community to access school uniform at any time. We have lots of stock and it will be replenished on a regular basis as and when it's needed. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition, we would very much welcome an exchange! Simply take what you need and replace with the old.

Donations are always welcomed but this rail is more about sharing & caring in our school community.



Year 6 Okehampton

Year 6 head off to Okehampton on Monday for the week and fingers crossed the weather looks like it may be kind to them. Photos of the week will be uploaded regularly onto the class page <https://www.castlecaryschool.org/our-classes> of the website this year and not onto X. (Twitter). We intend to use the website as our only platform moving forward and will not be using X. The bus will return on Friday for normal pick up time.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The deadline for returning sticker leaflets to school will be Friday 20th September. Please drop them to the school office.

Home Learning

Following feedback from parents and children we are reviewing home learning this term. We will be inviting parents into school to gather views and will be speaking to staff and children. For this term, we would like everyone to be reading at least 3 times a week and completing reading records. We would also like the children to be working on their maths fluency using:

<https://numbots.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Clubs

Clubs will start on 23rd of September and run for 10 weeks. 5 weeks before half term and 5 weeks afterwards. Children will need PE kits for all sports clubs. Pick up will be from the front entrance of the school. Please do let us know if your child will not be attending their club as we take a register for all clubs for safeguarding purposes.

Stay for Coffee ☺

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA "Stay for Coffee" session this morning. We are hoping this will become a regular event, not as a fundraiser but as an opportunity for parents to simply stay and chat!

TINK

A reminder that we will be running a 6 week TINK (Tuning into Kids) course starting in October on a Tuesday afternoon in school time. For those not familiar with TINK it is a course which focuses on emotion coaching for children's wellbeing. It helps all adults to respond to children's emotions in supportive ways. We have run this course before in school and all parents that have attended have said how fabulous it was and how helpful. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending or if you would like more details speak to myself or Mrs Skirton.

Things happening in our community

Brue Larder Fundraiser

To raise money for the Brue Larder, on Saturday 21st September 11am - 3.30pm

Raffle
Hair braids
Mini Disco for U8's
Treasure Hunt
River splash
Zip Wire, High Ropes and more ...
Homemade cakes, teas and coffees, ice cream and bacon butties all day served in the Longhouse
All welcome

Family Fun Day

MILL ON THE BRUE
outdoor activity centre

Key dates for your diary

16.9.24 Year 6 Residential
20.9.24 Swimming starts Octopus Class
24.9.24 PTFA AGM at The George 7pm
30.9.24 PTFA Colour Run
1.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
8.10.24 Individual and Family Photos
8.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
15.10.24 Year 2 Multi sports Festival at Ansford
15.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
15.10.24 PTFA Disco
22.10.24 Tuning into Kids 1:30pm
22.10.24 Parents Evening
23.10.24 Parents Evening
24.10.24 School closes



Sea Otter - Hollie Woods
Turtle - Harrison Wenglorz
Dolphin - Ava Halsey
Octopus - Antony Churchill
Swordfish - Bobby Halsey
Jellyfish - Ruby Holliday
Head teacher's award - Esmee Blagdon

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Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

